There is a very pleasant party assem-bled at Brandon—the fine old country house of Colonel Carcy. The gentlemen have come for a fortnight's wild-duck shooting; and the ladies have come because the gentlemen were expected.

One wet morning, when the gentlemen found themselves confined to the house, and the ladies secretly rejoiced thereat, Miss Moore sat on a low ottoman, in the window of the summer parlor, reading.

engaged in a game of chess. Mr. Trav-reasoned Miss Scudamore; and yet cererse, it may be remarked, played chess tain it is that, if she hinted such an idea no better than he did billiards.

which you are so much interested?" She held it up-Days of Chivalry,

in armour, jousts and tournaments.
"Ah!" she said, with just the suggeswhich I should like to have lived-

"" 'When mee were brave, and balles fair, And hearts ned bands were strong to dare Whatever family might do."

Mr. Traverse's lip.

my castle, Mr. Traverse. As it is, you and which now, in the lightning gleams, a warm bath and dry clothes. lose your knight;" and she removed the piece from the board.

If the elements of this man's soul captain, who was, in his own

Mr. Traverse became apparently ab- waters.

sorbed in the situation.

order to please her. she answered, half playfully, half in Letting himself down from the almost earnest; "or, perhaps, to the luxury and perpendicular face of the cliff, he stood

efferninacy of the age. Men who wear silken neckties instead of steal, gorgets, "Why do you stand idle?" he is duck shooting-who can't face an April | boat ?" shower without an umbrella, or an October breeze without an overcoat-" "Cheekmate!" said Miss Scudamore.

carl of the lip, that might have been either mischief or earnest. Mr. Traverse took up the gauntlet on the rocks."

because men of the nineteenth century the deck, vainly looking for the help order. I am only surprised that he do not promenade Broadway in coats of that came not. It was evident to him should get up at all on such an uninterers, or parade Fifth Avenue in plumed an hour. helmets and with lances in rest, they "Have you a rope?" he asked, of the must necessarily be less brave and chiv- man nearest him. alrous than those of some centuries

present age are less daring, less heroic, it." less strong and hardy than those of a "I have been shipwrecked on the past age."

the esteem and regard of the fair sex?" quietly. "So far as courage and a chivalrous commanding their esteem and regard," observed; "but you're a sailor, too, and blo. she replied pointedly.

"Admitting the chivalric devotion of depend on me to help you all I can." drive our devoted wives from our pres- Breathless the men looked on; and the surf of the Marquusas." mit me to defend ourselves."

careless in his way of putting her down; experience of the Pacific surf. while she was, as she was conscious, Taking a full, steady breath, he watch- tion and an excitement. Miss Moore somewhat excited-somewhat vexed ed his time, and, as the mighty crest was the only person present who did not

"That was only their rough way of dives and disappears. erse. And if women have grown more nearly exhausted, he nears the ship. in lependent than formerly, it is because The sailors have watched—as only men have become so much more effe-drowning men can watch—the prepaball-rooms."

they were uttered. Traverse's quiet, ing waves, came a cry : dark-gray eyes met hers for an instant ; "Ship ahoy!" dark-gray eyes met hers for an instant; and then he turned, with a smile, to re- A life-buoy was instantly thrown. At ply to the remark of Mrs. Carey; who first it misses, but a second attempt is only been vaguely dissatisfied, and vaguehastily came to the rescue.

And there was something in her eyes above the roar of the storm. to which even the claims of friendship safe ashore; but ten minutes more and may be somtimes sabordinate. And the vessel has disappeared. just now the peculiar interests of the A messenger has been dispatched to fair Evelyn appeared to depend very Brandon, with news of the wreck. All to become too much interested in Mari- cordials, brandy and blankets abound.

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to Miss Moore, it would have been re-" Marian, what is that great book in ceived by that young lady with a genu-

ine smile of amusement.

The day, that had been so wet, culwith illustrations, representing knights minated in a stormy night. Mr. Trav-

What a pity that the age of chivalry has and figure; it showed his form erect, and selves and drinking hot brandy. passed away, and gallant knights no his fine eyes lit up with an unwonted

name she bore; "think of Bruce and may be worth seeing—and at any rate, ing about how they were saved—" Wallace, and all Sir Walter's charming will afford a variety to this very tame "By all means!" cried Marian. "Let

of Normady," said Marian, "and all the habiliments, he stole quietly down and flower of chivalry of which we read." out at a side door, without arousing any A shadow of a smile hovered about one. A few moments after, he was sembled-all but Mr. Traverse, who, facing the wind on the bluff over-look- having privately and unseen, except by At the same instant Miss Scudamore said: "Your knight might have taken bordered the broad inlet of the Atlantic, room, was there refreshing himself with "It would be so

Marian glanced sareastically in that hadn't have been in accordance with the "If eastles were to be stormed in around him, he wouldn't have lingered his crew had been rescued from Davy these days," she remarked, "I wonder amid it, nor have followed the curve of Jones' locker. But to the reiterated inwhere the knights could be tound to the coast to the rocky point beyond, where a light-house shed a feeble and

Here, just below him, on the beach, "To what do you attribute the decline he distinguished a group of figures; and of chivalry, Miss Moore?" inquired straining his eyes farther into the ob- was tall, and didn't seem like a common young Rawdon, taking up the subject in scurity, he could make out the form of sort o' man; and though he wasn't rder to please her.

"To a natural degeneracy of the race," a vessel, fixed amid a group of rocks, dressed, I'd say he was a gentleman." not two hundred yards from the shore. "A gentleman?" repeated Miss Moor

"Why do you stand idle?" he inquirand whose most warlike exploit is wild-ed, almost fiercely. "Have you a tinguished himself to-night. Perhaps it

"No boat that could stand in a surf like this," was the answer.

"Cannot one of you swim out with a "Must only expect to be checkmat- rope? If we could get a rope aboard, Has anyone seen him to-night?"

ed," she concluded with a pretty little the crew could be saved." "No doubt of it. But the first man stepping forward-"Mr. Traverse is in that went out would be dashed to pieces his room, a-dressing himself."

toward the ship. He could see the the presence of shipwrecked sailors withmail, with battle-axes on their should- that she must go to pieces in less than esting occasion."

"Plenty in the light-house, sir."

"It will be just throwing your life "I did not say that exactly, Mr. Trav-erse. I only odserved that men of the men. "Take my advice, and don't risk

"And, as a sequence, less worthy of the surf of the Marquesas!" he replied, unknown deliverer.

The eyes of the old man brightened. the true grit. If you will run the risk,

your knightly models, may I be permit. The preparations were quickly made. ted to suggest that the men of our time, A double coil of the rope was paseed terious unknown here was?" though they do not win their lady-loves around his waist, and divested of his at point of the lance, may yet be quite heavy jacket, cap and boots, he stood beg you for a cup of coffee, my dear as honorable and heroic as those who prepared for the perilous attempt.

did so? We may not challenge a rival Charging them to be sure to play out

The captain turned at the so to mortal combat, nor insist upon every the rope freely, he selected a proper his voice, and stared at him earnestly. other man acknowledging our own lady-other man acknowledging our own lady-love to be the fairest of the fair; but where the water was deep and clear of with his eyes still fixed upon the fastidineither do we, like William of Norman-rocks-and, having made a short run, ously-dressed gentleman before himdy, knock down our sweethearts in the he leaped into the seething waves full "he said that he had once been shipstreet; nor like him of the Lion Heart, four and twenty feet clear of the cliff. | wrecked, and that he had been used to

ence with blows. So far you will per- almost a groan broke from the old sea- Traverse smiled and nedded as be man as ho saw a mighty wave come sipped his coffee. Miss Moore saw clearly that the ar- feaming in toward the shore. Traverse gument was against her. Then, also, saw it, too; and now he is to put into Though, dash me, if I can bring myself Mr. Traverse was so cool, and almost practice the skill he accquired in his old to believe it!"

ty to the weak and timid sex," she remarked. "To effect such superiority again and again, with each successive way to her own room. now would not do, you know. Mr. Trav- wave, until at length, breathless and

minate. We don't now look for heroes rations made on the shore. They have tain them. with battle-axes, who will fight for us if seen the leap from the cliff, but almost need be, but for dandies with canes, and without hope, for it was, as they well exquisites who will invite us to waltz in knew, a sea in which not many could live , and a brief, excited cheer broke company in the parior, took a quiet seat She repented the words the moment from them, as suddenly, from the seeth-

more successful. It is reached, grasped, ly conscious of the want of something. "Oh, Marian, how can you be so and in another minute the bold swimmer Perhaps he found it when he found Miss rash?" said Miss Scudamore. "Mr. is on board, while from the chiff cheer Moore in the library.

Traverse will never torgive you!" after cheer makes itself faintly heard Miss Moore though she had a volume

which said plainly that, in her secret No time is to be lost, for the vessel soul, she hoped he never would. Not shows signs of breaking up. A strong elbow on the window-sill, and was lookbut that Miss Scudamore was what cable is attached to the rope and drawn ing away toward the sea. She started L. O. WIGHT, everybody called her-"a nice, sweet on board; and along this the hardy sea- when she saw Mr. Traverse. and very fond of Marian; but men pass the captain and Traverse then there may be hopes and interests among them. In five minutes all are idea of intruding,"

much upon not allowing Mr. Traverse are aroused, great fires are lighted, and

an Moore. For if he were not already In the great kitchen a supper is laid, somewhat attracted by her, why was it and at half-past two in the morning a that he generally happened to be in her company of dripping sailors, escorted by a miscellaneous assemblage of coasts aid, though he seldom replied to it? side population, make their appearance and as for Murian, why did she trouble at Brandon, and arouse the sleeping shyly met his own. herself to notice Mr. Traverse, if she guests with a succession of enthusiastic really thought him so little worthy of cheers.

the house on fire?"

Marian was frightened too, if she ward the sea. would have confessed it. But she only said, with an effort at bravery: "I don't know. Let me put on my

dressing-gown, and we'll go and see."
"Oh, miss!" breathlessly cried the "Ah!" she said, with just the suggestion of a sigh, "those were the days in which I should like to have lived—

"The result of the tempest, and the tempest, aroused by the roar of the tempest, aroused by the roar of the tempest, and frightened, and it's only a shipwreck, forth into the black darkness, illumined and the ship gone down, and the drownby vivid lightning.

The wind blew back his hair, and as Tompkins, that master sent for 'em, and the quivering light played over his face down in the kitchen now, drying their

"Drowned men?" eried Evelyn, turn "Yes," assented Miss Lindsny, who was romantic, and proud of her reputed descent from the Scotch clan whose "Nothing very grand, I suppose, but it like to see 'em, and hear the captain tell-

"And of Cour de Leon, and William Attiring himself in his rough sporting wrecked sailors! Delightful!" So down stairs they went, where, by

this time, all the other guests were as

Everybody was gathered around the captain, who was, in his own nautical fashion, giving a glowing and eloquent grandeur and wild beauty of the scene account of the manner in which he and quiries as to who their preserver had been, he confessed himself unable to re-"Check!" said Miss Seudamore; and obscured ray across the wild waste of ply. Neither could the coast people throw any light upon the matter.

"In fact, I skeersely saw him at all," said the captain. "I only saw that he

"A gentleman?" repeated Miss Moore, sarcastically. "There are no gentlemen in the neighborhood except those at Brandon; and I should like to know which of our gallant heroes has so diswas Captain Warren, or probably Mr. Traverse !"

"By-the-way, where is Traverse?" in quired Colonel Carey, looking around. "Mr. Traverse, sir," replied Tompkins

"Of course," remarked Miss Moore, thus thrown down. He turned, and Traverse stood silently looking out "we can't expect him to show himself in

> "I am obliged for your good opinion, Miss Moore," said the voice of Mr. Traverse, behind her.

He was looking not quite like his usu-"Then get it as quickly as possible. al self-n trifle pale, a trifle tired, per will withdraw and let us proceed with Marian flushed a little, while a smile I will make an effort to save them, if no haps; and his hair and board, though the routine business. nicely arranged, were still evidently damp.

Marian was vexed to find herself so caught; and she watched Mr. Traverse, as Miss Scudamore commenced repeating to him an onthusiastic account of coast of North Ireland, and have braved the night's event, and the heroism of the

He listened without remark, and, in the midst of the story, helped himself devotion to the fair sex are worthy of "You're a gentleman, I see, sir," he to some of the cold meat upon the ta-

"Wasn't it splendid, Mr. Traverse? And what makes it the more interesting "Very romantic, certainly. May I

The captain turned at the sound of

"Then, by gosh, it was you sir

There was a commotion, an explanaerars itself as if to overwhelm him, he express surprise, or who did not utter a dives and disappears. expressing a consciousness of superiori- The billow rushes on, and he rises far She met Traverse's eye for a single in-

The next day was still too stormy for out-of-door amusements. The gentlemen, consequently, were all in-doors, and most of the ladies were willing to enter-

Not so Miss Moore. She did not make her appearance at all until after breakfast; and then, instead of joining the and a book in the deserted library.

Thither, by some mysterious coincidence, came Mr. Traverse, in search of -of what, he scarcely knew. He had

in her hand, wasn't reading. She was leaning her chin on her hand, and her "Excuse me, Miss Moore. I had no

She rose and stood by the window, in a half-hesitating way. She grew first red then white.

"Mr. Traverse, I-I ought to apole-gize. I have been silly-very rude. I REAL ESTATE, INSURANCE -will you-can you forgive me?"

The sweetest of all manly smiles hov-

"Shall we be friends at last, Miss Moore !"

Two or three of her friends were about her, and at a distant window were him, if she did not care to talk to him? Scudamore, rushing into her friend's tatingly held out to her. He did not So, with an acute feminine instinct, appartment, "what is the matter? Is-is immediately relinquish it. She turned away her face, and looked out again to-

> one else would have dared it." "So your opinion of me has somewhat changed since this morning?" he said,

smiling. "Ob, Mr. Traverse !" This time she fairly burst into tears and Miss Scudamore, softly opening the door, was petrified at beholding them in a situation which convinced her that all her hopes in regard to Mr. Traverse were forever at an end.

A Mean Advantage.

There was a score or more women gathered together at Mr. Johnson's house. Mr. Johnson is a good hearted man and a respectable citizen, though he is rather skeptical about some things. The women had just organized "The Foreign Benevolent Society," when Mr. Johnson entered the room. He was at once appealed to to donate a few dollars as a foundation to work on, and Mrs.

"It would be so pleasant in after years for you to remember that you gave this society its first dollar and its first kind word.

He slowly opened his wallet, drew out a 810 bill, and as the ladies smacked their lips and clapped their hands he asked : "Is this society organized to aid the

poor of foreign countries?" "Yes-yes-yes!" they choroused.
"And it wants money?"

"Yes-yes!"
"Well, now," said Johnson, as he folded the bill in a tempting shape, there are twenty married women here. If there are fifteen of you who can make oath that you have combed your children's hair this morning, washed the dishes, blacked the cock-stoy , and made the beds, I'll donate this \$10." "I have," answered two of the crowd,

and the rest said : "Why, now, Mr. Johnson !" "If fifteen of you make oath that your husbands are not wearing socks with holes in the heels, this money is yours," continued the wretch. "Just hear him !" they exclaimed, each

one looking at the other. "If ten of you have boys without holes n the knees of their pants, this 'X' goes to the society!" said Johnnos.
"Such a man!" they whispered.

"It there are five pairs of stockings in this room that don't need darning I'll hand over the money!" he went on.
"Mr. Johnson," said Mrs. Graham, with great dignity, "the rules of this society declare that no money shall be contributed except by members; and as you are not a member I beg that you

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